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Rare photos from old raids are surfacing in Sweden, including the liberated rabbit on the cover and this group of pups.

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Diary of Action

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

— The First Amendment to the United States Constitution

"Everyone has the right to freedom of expression. This right shall include freedom to hold opinions and to receive and impart information and ideas without interference by public authority and regardless of frontiers."

— The European Convention on Human Rights (Article 10)

In this issue we take a look at how the animal liberation movement has shifted the way it targets animal laboratories. While clandestine raids are important and continue to happen, aboveground activists have taken a page from the 80's and engaged in daring daylight, aboveground raids to highlight the atrocities as well as directly rescue animals. And the results have been stunning. Just last fall, a protest outside a laboratory in Brazil turned into a rescue mission after the sun went down. For a group of activists in Italy, the occupation of a vivisection lab was the plan. Each liberation and act of sabotage in the Diary of Actions that starts on page 26 is a story in itself.

As inspiring as recent events have been, we are excited and hopeful about the future. On page 13 we highlight the international campaign to stop airlines transporting animals destined for research. (It's a simple idea. If you cannot transport the animals, they are not available for experimentation.) Attacking the supply chain is not a new tactic. In fact, convincing airlines to ban the transport of wild-caught birds for the pet trade was an early victory for the animal rights movement. Today's campaign to help monkeys, beagles and other animals in labs has been equally successful, and the research industry is panicked.

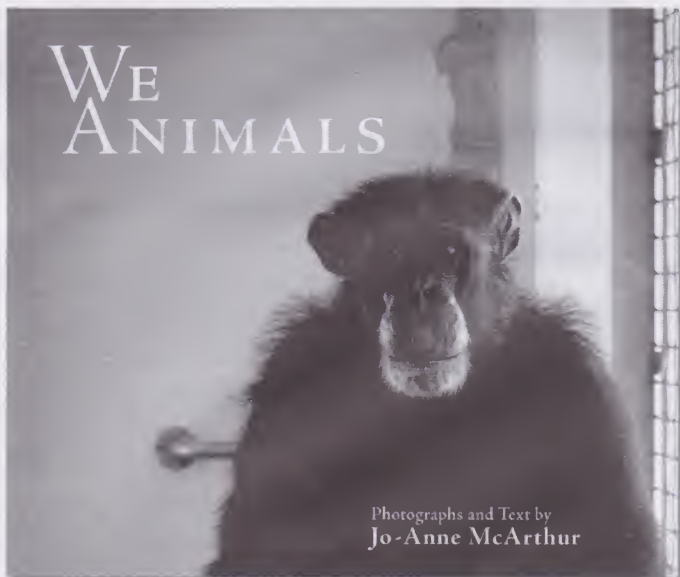
In April, at the sentencing of longtime activist Debbie Vincent on conspiracy charges, a high court judge told her: "You are a lady of very good character indeed, if it was not for your complete obsession with your cause and your inability to accept its limits within law..." The judge's words did not sound like criticism to us. Commitment to a cause, and a willingness to work outside the law when necessary is one reason why the radical animal rights movement has been effective. Debbie is one of several dedicated animal rights/environmental activists serving prison sentences as a result of their activism. Read more about our movement's prisoners, and find current prison addresses, in these pages. In a letter to supporters, imprisoned activist Marie Mason explained how receiving cards and letters are a comfort, "It makes me feel still part of a community of resistance, still part of the world." Please send a letter of solidarity to Debbie, Marie and to the other prisoners included in this issue.

In this issue we remember David Hayden, a dear friend who passed away in early 2014. David was an unsung hero of the animal rights movement. He was taken from us way too soon. And as this issue was going to print we learned of another loss. Nancy Phipps, who spent her life campaigning for animal rights and was a strong supporter of the Animal Liberation Front, died in May (Nancy's daughter Jill Phipps was tragically killed during a protest against the live export trade in 1995).

Enjoy issue #17 of Bite Back magazine and make sure to visit directaction.info (and follow us on Facebook and Twitter) for daily coverage of news from the animal liberation movement around the world.

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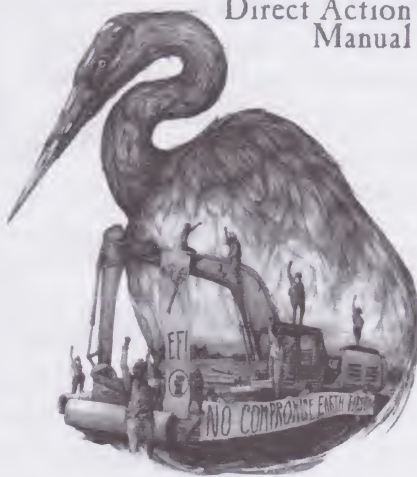


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IT ALL ADDS UP

Number of hounds taken in a night-time raid by the ALF on the Wye Beagles hunt kennels in Kent, England in 2001. The hunt disbanded in April 2014 after running out of money and supporters.



03.11.13

European Union ban on animal testing for cosmetics went into effect. It is now illegal to carry out animal tests for cosmetics, or to sell animal-tested cosmetics in the 28 countries that make up the EU.

City of West Hollywood's ban on the sale of fur apparel took effect. The ban, the first in the United States, was upheld by a federal court in May 2014.

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DEVASTATING

The word a mink farmer in Wisconsin used to describe the impact of an ALF raid. Between July-November 2013, activists raided 13 fur farms in the U.S. and Canada. The New York Times reported:

“After something of a hiatus, the animal rights movement has resumed a decades-old guerrilla war against the fur industry with a vengeance – and hints of more to come.”

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Number of days Jerry Koch, Matthew Duran, Katherine Olejnik and Maddy Pfeiffer, respectively, were held in jail for refusing to cooperate with federal grand juries investigating activism in New York and Seattle. Grand juries are commonly used to harass and intimidate activists.



2,800

Cats rescued in January 2014 when activists in Wuhan, China blocked a truck carrying the animals to slaughter. The action was one of many recent rescues of cats and dogs by Chinese activists, a sign of an emerging animal rights movement in the country.

from behind THE BARS

THEY'RE IN THERE FOR THE ANIMALS. WE'RE OUT HERE FOR THEM.

For updates on animal liberation prisoners, and current prisoner addresses, visit www.DirectAction.info

Writing to prisoners: Even a short letter or postcard can raise a prisoner's spirits. Letters connect prisoners with the outside world and help them fight the isolation of jail. Remember that letters to prisoners may be opened, so obviously don't write anything that could get you or someone else in trouble. Do not expect a reply (you can feel confident that your letter is appreciated even if you don't receive a reply). Addresses may change; check Bite Back's website before writing.

PRISONER UPDATES

The **SOCPA 7** are seven activists charged with conspiracy to commit SOCPA 145 ("interfering with a contractual relationship so as to harm an animal research organisation") in relation to the campaign to close Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS). As with previous conspiracy cases, there is no evidence that the defendants had involvement in criminal activity. The only thing they're accused of doing is taking part in protests. The case is only the most recent example of the lengths the UK authorities are going to in their attempt to stop people campaigning against vivisection and especially HLS.

The **SOCPA 7** are due to stand trial in late 2014. Support website: www.socpa7.org

A final chapter in the long saga of a group of animal rights activists in Austria unfolded in May 2014 with the **acquittal of five activists** on coercion and other charges related to campaigns against the fur industry and factory farming. In 2011, following a 14-month trial, 13 animal rights activists were cleared of charges of "formation and membership of a criminal organization." Prosecutors appealed and five of the activists were retried.

Eight of nine activists arrested in October 2013 during a protest in Miami at Worldwide Primates, an importer and breeder of monkeys for experimentation, were granted pre-trial diversion (an alternative to prosecution) in April 2014. The remaining defendant will go on trial in September. The activists, from the group **Smash HLS**

(smashhls.com), faced charges of disorderly conduct, criminal mischief and "throwing a deadly missile." Worldwide Primates has filed a civil lawsuit against the activists.

In March 2014, **Luca Bonvicini** was sentenced to 2 years and 4 months in prison for a New Year's Eve 2012 arson attack in which eight trucks belonging to a dairy company near Florence, Italy were destroyed. Damages were more than five hundred thousand Euros.

In December 2013, **Steve Murphy** was released from federal prison and completed his sentence at a halfway house. In a statement after his release, Steve wrote, "I am home now. Thank you all for the years of love and support."

Viktor Padellaro was freed from prison in October 2013.

Vegan anarchist **Braulio Durán** was released from prison in Leon, Mexico in October 2013 after completing a three year sentence. Braulio was accused of involvement in a series of attacks against banks and other targets.

In September 2013, two years after his arrest at the Marine Mammal Conservancy in Key Largo, Florida, **Chris Lagergren**

accepted a plea agreement that included probation but no jail time or restitution. Chris was arrested in 2011 and charged with trespassing, criminal mischief and "animal enterprise disruption." He was accused of removing fencing in an attempt to free a group of pilot whales, victims of a mass stranding who had been taken to MMC ostensibly for rehabilitation and release. Instead, two of the whales were sent to SeaWorld Orlando. Sadly, one of the whales died in August 2013; the other is forced to perform in daily shows.

George House was released from prison in August 2013 after finishing a 12-month prison sentence for vandalizing Coventry Stadium greyhound track and for attempting to liberate mice from the University of Warwick.

Environmental and animal rights activist **Daniel McGowan** was released from prison in December 2012, and transferred to a halfway house in New York City to finish his sentence. In April 2013 Daniel was again taken into federal custody. The Federal Bureau of Prisons alleged that he had violated the terms of his release by writing an article about his case for the Huffington Post. The article, "Court Documents Prove I Was Sent to Communication Management Units (CMU) for My Political Speech," was critical of the harshly restrictive prison unit where he was kept for four years. Fortunately, a day after he was re-imprisoned the BOP concluded that they had made a mistake and Daniel was returned to the halfway house. Learn more about Communication Management Units here: www.ccrjustice.org/cmu

get writin'

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In April 2014, Debbie was sentenced to six years in prison for "conspiracy to blackmail," in relation to the campaign to close down the notorious animal testing lab Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS). Prior to sentencing, Debbie said: "What is scary in this world is oppression and injustice, when people hurt people, animals and nature. What is beautiful in this world is resistance, when people say 'enough is enough' and act. Oppression and injustice are everywhere, but so is resistance. Because some people know that if you fight you might lose, but if you don't fight, you've already lost."

Debbie was the first of the Blackmail 3 defendants to face trial. Two other activists are awaiting trial on similar charges.
Support website: blackmail3.org

Debbie's conviction is part of an ongoing campaign of repression against the UK animal rights movement. A further seven activists have been charged with conspiracy related to the campaign to close down HLS. See SOCPA 7 below.

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In May 2008, Eric McDavid was sentenced to an outrageous 19 years and 7 months in prison after he was found guilty of conspiracy to sabotage federal facilities in the name of the environment. No actions were ever carried out. The government's case was based on the word of an FBI informant who was paid over \$65,000 to fabricate a crime. Both of Eric's co-defendants testified against Eric in return for a lesser charge.
Support website:
www.SupportEric.org

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Kevin Johnson (Kevin Olliff) and Tyler Lang were arrested in August 2013 in rural Illinois on charges of "possession of burglary tools." Kevin and Tyler were accused of conspiring to raid the Aeschleman fur farm in Roanoke, Illinois. After three months in jail, Tyler was released after accepting a plea deal and sentence of time served. In January 2014, Kevin was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison.

In July 2014, Kevin and Tyler were indicted on additional federal charges. Tyler has been released on bond.
Support website:
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Walter is serving a sentence of more than 12 years for setting fires at a leather store and at a restaurant that served foie gras in Salt Lake City, and for a fire at a sheepskin store in Colorado in 2010. Support website:
www.supportwalter.org

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In February 2014, Brian was sentenced to nine years in prison after pleading to an arson charge related to a fire that damaged a Chicago-area McDonald's.

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In March 2012, Justin was sentenced to seven years in prison on arson and conspiracy charges related to actions in the U.S. claimed by the ELF/ALF.

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In January 2014, Rebecca was sentenced to five years in prison after pleading guilty to arson, attempted arson and conspiracy charges. Rebecca surrendered at the Canadian/U.S. border in November 2012 after a decade as a fugitive. In her plea agreement, she acknowledged that she had participated in a number of actions claimed by the ALF/ELF, including the freeing of wild horses and destruction of Bureau of Land Management facilities in Oregon and California, and the 1999 rescue of 46 dogs from a laboratory in California.

In a letter to the judge before her sentencing, Rebecca wrote: "Animals and the natural world have always been for me a source of profound joy, wonder and solace, and their mistreatment and destruction a source of indescribable pain. By way of trying to explain—but not excuse—my actions, I reached a point in my early twenties when I could no longer contain or appropriately channel the grief, despair, and powerlessness I felt in response to the mistreatment of animals and the natural world."

more PRISONERS

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Adriano and Gianluca were arrested in September 2013 and charged with "associations whose purposes include terrorism and the subversion of the democratic order," in addition to other charges. They were accused of involvement in 13 sabotage actions between 2010 and 2013 against a fur store, banks, the Eni oil company and the Enel power company. In July 2014, they were sentenced to 6 years (Gianluca) and 3 years and 8 months (Adriano) in prison.

"As a prisoner I can't stop dreaming nor imagining a world free from authoritarian violence, free from the dichotomies of oppressed-oppressors, exploited-exploiters. Free from moral and social restraints that regulate-inhibit appetites and circumscribe the horizons. A world free from all cages... cages are the shame of humanity. A world where human arrogance is set aside for a symbiotic and empathic coexistence with all living beings, in respect for natural balances and where the search for individual freedom is the only path to be taken for a real and collective self-determination"
- from a letter by Adriano

"They transformed this World into a cake to divide up between them the energy resources and State boundaries. They deny us every day a Life worth living. But it is in each attack and direct action that we regain it and we live to the fullest, with strength and love. I will do everything possible, even the impossible of dreams, by all means necessary. We will be resistance and in combat to the last breath until a living being is locked up anywhere. This is not a promise, it is a declaration of war. FOR WILD ANARCHY"
- from a letter by Gianluca

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Marius Jacob Mason (Marie Mason*) is a long-time environmental and social justice activist and loving parent of two. He was arrested on charges related to Earth Liberation Front actions that occurred in Michigan in 1999 and 2000; no one was injured in the actions. In February 2009, Marius received a 262 month sentence (a little under 22 years). Support website <http://supportmariusmason.org>

Marius is being held in a high security, tightly restricted unit at the notorious FMC Carswell prison in Texas. Marius has been given no indication of why he is there or what he can do to be moved back into the general prison population. Marius' supporters have started a campaign to pressure the Federal Bureau of Prisons to transfer Marius to a low security facility near his family and friends.

*In July 2014, Marius announced that he would no longer be using the name Marie, and will be using male pronouns. Until his name is legally changed, mail sent to Marius in prison will need to be addressed to "Marie Mason."

A poem by Marius Jacob Mason:

Prison Visit

Prison is
Hushed and heavy
Like water near the Ocean's floor,
Then loud and bitter,
Like fractious storms lashing the sky
Everything cement and nerves
And too many years gone by...
The heart requires a place to rest
From all its maddened wanderings
The raft of the Medusa tossed
And trembling in the sea.
Or just this table here
And you across from me,
A sunlit sail
And I this aching castaway.
I cannot touch you - it is not allowed.
Our eyes hold
Hanging onto words
Until a hand falls upon the back
The narrow hall, the clanking keys
The door, the cell
And under.

LETTER WRITING 101: RULES TO WRITE BY

It is perfectly legal to write letters of support to imprisoned ALF and direct action activists. While it can be intimidating to write to someone you don't know, becoming a friend with a prisoner is well worth it. Even a short postcard may decrease a prisoner's feelings of isolation, and raises their spirits. Letters can be simple. Talk about yourself, your hobbies, interests, or what music you listen to. Prisoners may be interested in the campaigns of your local animal rights group. If you have questions about what prison is like, ask!

It can sometimes be difficult to make contact with prisoners. The prison bureaucracy intentionally acts to limit access between prisoners and the outside world. There are some simple rules to remember when writing to prisoners

Assume that all letters to prisoners are opened and read. Don't write about anything that is going to get you or the prisoner you are writing to in trouble.

Letters are frequently delayed. Be patient, but do not always expect a reply. Prisoners may have limited resources to respond to each letter they receive.

Include the prisoner's number next to their name on the envelope. Don't forget to include a return address (write the return address on the letter as well, as envelopes are sometimes thrown away).

Prisoners are frequently moved. Before writing, check support group websites for current addresses.

Before you send anything in addition to a letter, ask the prisoner what they can and can't receive. Every prison has its own rules. Simple things like stickers may be prohibited. It is also nice to ask the prisoner what is most needed.

Most prisons allow books to be sent to prisoners. Often books must be new, and sent directly from the publisher or bookstore (or Amazon.com). Prisoners may also be purchased subscriptions to magazines or newspapers.

Some prisoners can receive money (i.e., money orders/ cashiers checks) as well as postage or pre-stamped envelopes.

Make a note in the letter of all enclosures so that the prisoner can make sure everything made it through.



REMEMBERING DAVID HAYDEN

BY: ANDREA LINDSAY

I have sat down to write a tribute to David, a memorial, a proclamation of who he was and what he meant to me, his community, the animals, others, dozens of times. And I haven't been able to do it. How do you begin to reduce his essence to a few paragraphs? How do you talk about a best friend's life in the past tense?

For most readers of Bite Back who had the fortune of meeting David, it was likely through the animal rights movement. David was a driving force behind No Compromise magazine—a key animal rights magazine that kept the grassroots movement connected before email and the internet connected us all. He was an organizer with Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition in the 1990's, an integral part of the anti-fur campaigns in San Francisco and beyond, and an important player in the campaign to shut down Huntingdon Life Sciences. David travelled around the country to support activists facing government repression in the form of grand juries and trumped up criminal cases. He raised and donated money to organizations and legal funds in need. He helped organize conferences like Let Live in Portland to connect activists and share ideas and strategy.

As a political activist, David worked on local Santa Cruz political issues; he eschewed slave labor chocolate and urged others to do so; he advocated for food justice; he advocated for prisoner support, LGBTQ rights, anti-racism; and he worked hard to connect the issues.

You would have passed David at a conference and not ever necessarily known the important role he played. Because he was quiet, logical, measured. He was not one to draw attention to himself. Instead he worked quietly behind the scenes. Although he was not always quiet. I can still hear his deep, booming voice chanting at protests.

My memories of David represent so many facets of who he was. I met David, the activist, in 1996 at an animal rights meeting. We quickly became good friends after I moved to the Bay Area.

As a friend, my memories of David are so many: Our quiet, sometimes alcohol fueled late night talks on my couch about the movement, relationships, and the meaning of life; jolt fueled sing-alongs to Poison, Motley Crue, and Bonnie Tyler on long last minute road trips to support grand jury resisters in other states; rushing police barricades in Little Rock Arkansas with David donning a Bill Cosby sweater around his waist; lengthy PGP encrypted messages about the best recipe for vegan white Russians and peanut butter cups; endless hours putting together issues of No Compromise; late night ninja rolls; riding the Giant Dipper at the Santa Cruz boardwalk over and over; infuriatingly long animal rights meetings making consensus based decisions; scrambling on the rocks at the beach in Santa Cruz; fundraising for prisoners; driving directions where David always assured me that all roads led to the same place.

David's sudden and untimely passing is a loss in so many ways—in many ways that will not be felt all at once. Did David realize how much of an impact he had on others? How much he meant? After David's passing, we held a memorial in Santa Cruz. What really struck me is that every person who shared their memories of David talked about how he was always there. Always there for them as a friend. Always there for a fellow activist in need. Always there for the animals. Always there for others.

I cannot say there is a day that goes by that I do not feel the loss. To me, David embodied what it means to be a good activist. To be a good person. How can we best honor David's memory? Walk the walk as he did: live vegan; take the bus instead of driving your car; write a letter to a prisoner; advocate for others; stop buying slave labor chocolate; take to the streets when necessary; fight for others without letting our egos get in the way, and always go forward (never straight).

I am forever grateful, David, for your friendship, your love, and you walking beside me through some of the brightest and darkest days of my life. Rest in power.



ACTIVISTS RISK THEIR FREEDOM TO GIVE FREEDOM TO OTHERS

On the night of April 9, 2013 five Anti-Vivisection Coalition activists entered a building at a farm in Escharen, Netherlands that breeds beagles for laboratory experiments, and left with six dogs. After the dogs were placed with loving families, the activists turned themselves in to the police. The activists will appear in court on July 15, 2014. "We have been waiting now for over a year on a date for our court case," said one

of the activists involved in the rescue. "The court room will be brimming with people who support the rescue and oppose animal testing. We want nothing more than to appear in court and explain the reasons for our action. Without our intervention, these dogs would likely be dead now. We acted not out of self-interest, but to save the lives of these dogs. We demand justice!" (Learn more: www.stopvivisection.org.uk)

RESISTING THE EXPANSION OF FUR FARMING IN POLAND



Activists in Poland are ensuring that foreign investors looking to open new fur farms are made to feel unwelcome.

In early 2013 a Dutch company began construction on a huge farm in Brzescie that would have imprisoned as many as 185,000 mink. Animal rights activists, along with local residents and environmental organizations, worked together to halt the project. The sheds will be dismantled.

On July 10, 2013, in the small town of Przelewiec in northwestern Poland, more than 100 people blocked a truck carrying mink to a newly constructed but empty farm. Residents maintained the roadblock around the clock until in late January 2014, almost seven months later, the investor announced that plans had changed and there would be no mink in Przelewiec.

Residents in several other communities, concerned about the consequences of mink farming for animals, people and the environment, are fighting planned or existing mink farms. Activists' goal is a ban on fur farming in Poland. Learn more: Otwarte Klatki (www.otwarteklatki.pl), Coalition to Ban Fur Farming in Poland (<http://antyfutro.pl>).

FROM COMPLAINT TO SOLUTION IN LESS THAN 72 HOURS

At a meeting of the Moffat County Commission on the morning of November 12, 2013 people living next to a mink farm in Craig, Colorado complained about the farm's horrible smell and spoke of concerns about water being contaminated. The complaints were reported by the local newspaper later that day.

On the night of November 14, activists visited the farm and opened every single cage. In a claim of responsibility received by Bite Back, the activists wrote, "The mink understood our mission and quite literally flew to the ground to make a dash for freedom." One of the farm's owners told the newspaper the next day that the farm would close. "I'm too old to start again," he said. "I won't be doing the mink anymore. I can't afford to go buy stock to get back into it. I'm really tired of fighting."

THE LIFE AND DEATH OF VEN. BOWATTE INDRARATHANA THERA

On May 24, 2013 a Buddhist monk set himself on fire outside a temple in Kandy, Sri Lanka to protest the slaughter of cows. The monk, Ven. Bowatte Indrarathana Thera, later died in hospital. In a letter to Sri Lanka's president, Indrarathana Thera asked for an end to cattle slaughter and stated that his self-immolation was not an act of suicide but an act of self-sacrifice.

Indrarathana Thera had taken part in raids on illegal slaughterhouses, and had campaigned for passage of a national Animal Welfare Bill, which was presented to Parliament in 2010 but has yet to be enacted. Following his death, calls for an end to cattle slaughter in Sri Lanka have grown louder.

STOP THE CULL, SAVE THE BADGERS (ROUND 2)

Despite the dismal failure of the UK government's trial badger culls in 2013, badgers will again be killed in Somerset and Gloucestershire this summer. The government's own expert panel concluded that the August-November 2013 culls, an ill-conceived attempt to stop the spread of tuberculosis in cattle, were cruel and ineffective. More than 1,700 badgers were killed (shot or trapped), a horrible number but far short of the target. Nearly a quarter of badgers who were shot took more than five minutes to die.

Farmers blamed protesters for the failure. People came from all over the country to the cull zone to walk roads and public

footpaths at night. Hunt saboteurs directly confronted those involved in the cull, and several hundred traps were stolen or damaged. Stop The Cull (badger-killers.co.uk) reported, "The cage traps were destroyed as fast as they went down, for the most part by very normal people doing extraordinary work, through the day traps were found then by night they were destroyed."

Saboteurs and activists are vowing to disrupt the 2014 badger cull.





POLICE CROSSING THE LINE

Bob Robinson was a young boy who died of a heart defect in 1959. His identity was stolen by police officer Bob Lambert while working undercover to infiltrate the Animal Liberation Front in the UK in the late '80s. More than 20 years later, Lambert was exposed and in 2012 a Member of Parliament revealed that Lambert had went beyond acting as an agent provocateur to actually participating in arson attacks. In 1987 Lambert planted an incendiary device in a Debenhams department store in London, to bolster his credibility. The fire did £340,000 of damage and was part of a series of attacks which cost £8 million and led to Debenhams stopping the sale of furs.

Lambert's evidence helped convict Geoff Sheppard and Andrew Clarke for fire-bombing other Debenhams stores. Shepherd was jailed for four years, and Clarke for more than three years. Both men are now seeking to overturn their convictions, because the involvement of undercover police was hidden from them during their trial. In March 2014, the UK home secretary ordered a public inquiry into police infiltration of political groups.

WHAT IS CRIMINAL, CONFINING PIGS IN HORRIBLE CONDITIONS OR DOCUMENTING THOSE CONDITIONS?



In May 2013, a court of appeal affirmed a lower court's decision to dismiss charges against activists with Oikeutta eläimille (Justice for Animals). The case began in 2009 when the organization published photographs and video from inside pig farms in Finland, showing overcrowded pens, injured and dead pigs. Two activists, Karry Hedberg and Saila Kivelä, spoke openly about what they saw and experienced at the farms. The undercover investigation made headlines in Finland, but instead of prosecuting the farmers for cruelty to animals, authorities charged the activists with defamation and disturbing the peace, and demanded prison sentences. In 2011, most the charges were dropped, although Hedberg was convicted of one count of disturbing the peace and received a suspended jail sentence. The case was then appealed. "I do not regret it in any way. Factory farming should be criminal, not disclosing the animal's living conditions," said Hedberg.

In November 2013 and again in May 2014, Oikeutta eläimille (www.oikeuttaelaimille.net) released images from new investigations at farms in Finland, showing that conditions have only gotten worse.



BOTTLENECKS & PRESSURE POINTS:

THE INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST LAB ANIMAL TRANSPORT

Activists have long campaigned against the transport of monkeys and other animals for research. In 1992, due to pressure from anti-vivisectionists, British Airways announced that it would no longer carry monkeys destined for laboratory use, followed soon after by Aeromexico, Alitalia, Finnair, Singapore Airlines and others. But in recent years, the pressure on the few airlines still willing to fly monkeys destined for laboratory experiments has intensified.

Each year, tens of thousands of monkeys are forced to make long-distance journeys from China, Mauritius and other countries to laboratories (primarily) in the U.S., Europe and Japan. For these animals, confined in cramped wooden crates in an airplane's cargo hold, the suffering starts long before they arrive at the lab.

Transporting nonhuman primates subjects airlines to regulatory burdens and other hassles (for example, cargo holds must be disinfected after each shipment), but concern about negative public perception is the biggest reason that airlines decide to stop their involvement in this miserable global trade.

Air France has been a key target since the earliest campaigns. As of mid-2014, Air France is the only passenger airline to fly monkeys to laboratories.

RESOURCES

TheBunnyAlliance.com
StopVivisection.net
AirSoufFrance.fr
BUAV.org, PETA.org, LCAAnimal.org

TIMELINE

More than 60 airlines and ferry companies have adopted policies against shipping monkeys to research labs. Recent victories:

- ✓ **China Southern Airlines**
(March 2014)
- ✓ **Philippine Airlines**
(July 2013)
- ✓ **Vietnam Airlines**
(April 2013)
- ✓ **China Eastern Airlines**
(March 2013)
- ✓ **United Airlines**
(January 2013)
- ✓ **Air Canada**
(December 2012)
- ✓ **Air China**
(July 2012)
- ✓ **EI AI**
(June 2012)
- ✓ **Stena Lines, P&O Ferries, DFDS Seaways**
(Jan -March 2012)
- ✓ **TAM Linhas Aéreas and Hainan Airlines**
(February 2012)
- ✓ **Caribbean Airlines**
(August 2011)
- ✓ **Amerijet International**
(February 2011)

REDEFINING THE LAB RAID

HOW ACTIVISTS ARE STORMING LABS, RESCUING ANIMALS, CHANGING
PUBLIC OPINION & LAWS, AND ULTIMATELY WINNING.





How It Was Done: Instituto Royal

by anonymous

Amidst the unstable political scene in Brazil, shortly after an intense month of nationwide protests during June and July 2013, animal rights activists started campaigning to shut down Instituto Royal, a notorious vivisection facility located in the small countryside city of São Roque in the state of São Paulo.

After a few days of attention being attracted to the issue and to that particular facility, the night that was about to change how vivisection is perceived by the media, the population and even by legislators was about to come, and that history was to be written by means of direct action. On that particular night people were attracted to the lab's front gate by news that was circulating on social media. By the time I got to that very rural area surrounded by dirt roads and few houses, police were watching the gates, and we could see employees and private security walking back and forth inside the building. Trucks were coming in and out and the suggestion was that they were removing animals and documents in fear of an invasion.

But this was no ALF action! People from all walks of life were present. Some cared just for the beagles, others for dogs and cats



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Considering the high and irreparable losses and damage suffered as a result of the invasion on Oct. 18 - with the loss of almost the entire breeding stock of animals and nearly a decade of research - as well as the continuing instability and security crisis that jeopardize the physical and moral integrity of its employees, the members concluded that the ability of the Instituto Royal to continue to carry out scientific research and testing using animals is hopelessly compromised.

Instituto Royal statement, November 6, 2013, explaining its decision to shut down the laboratory in São Roque.

in general, and still others were animal rights people. Black Blocs were present, and even TV personalities who support animal rights showed up as news started spreading that an invasion was likely to happen. Which in turn brought the mainstream media, which brought even more people. The police were soon outnumbered and clearly unable to sort out the phenomena that started to unfold. It may be important to note that São Roque is about an hour away from any major city. In a matter of hours we were numerous standing restless at that small dead end road surrounded by bushes. The road ending at the gate, and the gate itself, is no wider than 15 people. It suddenly did not seem like a barrier anymore and the police had given clear signs that they did not come prepared for this, meaning they might overreact, but not being riot police it was more likely that they would simply back up, especially due to the diversity of the crowd, made up of women in their fifties (and sixties) as much as it was by students and people in Black Bloc gear.

At around midnight, as the lab's vehicles could no longer make their way through the gate and as the dogs' cries made it known that we were not the only ones experiencing restlessness, social networks worked to make us hundreds strong. At around 2 AM on October 18th the signs of a break-in started to become clear. It took one person to make the first move and start smashing the gate lock with a rock for the rest to know that this was it. The gate was being torn down at the same time as the fence was being cut and the crowd put pressure on all boundary structures.

We were in! A small road lead to the main building, with more doors to be broken and trespassed. The police could only watch, and the media was also inside with cameras on. Most people were not wearing masks, as in an open rescue. Some of us who feared what could come afterwards were careful to cover our faces. One by one, close to 200 beagles were transported on individual pairs of arms uphill to what was once a gate, where other activists and their cars waited (virtually all of us had gotten there by car as there are no other means of transportation to the site late at night). Those who freed the dogs from their cells never knew where they were being taken to, what really mattered is that they were free from exploitation. That actually came in handy

when activists on the inside where the news cameras were started being identified and called in on charges of stealing private "property." As we argued, the alleged properties were never taken in possession by those who freed them.

A team of volunteer lawyers was formed to defend those who were identified and an underground railroad of vets volunteered to remove the chips that would otherwise identify the animals who were now in caring hands. Curiously, a federal congressman who legislates on animal welfare issues was also present during the open rescue, likely attracted by the presence of the media and the crowd of activists. He kept 2 beagles at his house and a few days later invited the media to visit, meet the dogs and tell their story. Luckily for him in Brazil an elected member of Congress cannot be charged with a crime while in office. For the least privileged, we simply have as our companions a few beagles who were victims of abuse, with signs of mutilations and psychological trauma that are sometimes hard to see, but that could have happened on the street or elsewhere, 'we are not really sure where they came from' as is the case with many other dogs we care for and no law enforcement agent ever cared to ask us where they came from.

The invasion was pretty much a chaotic scene, with no previous planning and no directives, probably not a model to be repeated. Its spontaneity was the magic that made it possible. Its diversity was the factor that made the number possible and repression impossible. The compassion of all those present was the strength that broadened its significance beyond the individual lives saved.

A few weeks later, after extensive and persistent media coverage of the issue, legislation being proposed at the city, state and national levels, a mayor's office lockdown of the institute, and protests keeping the pressure on, Instituto Royal announced on November 6th that their dirty business had come to an end. Still, they refused to give away the animals who had been left behind during the initial open rescue, so this time a new and legitimate ALF raid carried out on November 13th by a small cell rescued the remaining 300 mice so no animals were left to witness the Institute's fatal outcome.

LIBERATION IN BRAZIL

IMPLICATIONS AND CONSEQUENCES



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The last few months have been a great period of victories against animal testing in Brazil. Since the open rescue that took place on October 18, 2013, during which nearly 200 beagles were freed from a vivisection lab (which though “open” cannot be regarded as “legal” by any means), there have been many positive consequences. Both the consequences and the incident itself were unprecedented in the hemisphere. And they were also totally unpredicted.

Vivisection issues are capable of sparking compassion in the general public, but this compassion is diminished by terrorist arguments, used by those that have a direct interest, that the practice remains “necessary.” It was only 6 years ago that we were campaigning to stop a bill that regulated vivisection (giving the industry a clear ground on which to operate). And we failed as Congress unanimously approved the bill. It could have been another decade before the discussion was brought back to Congress, and then another decade for any new law on the issue to be approved. So the focus for the last few years has been on educating the public and the media about the truth of vivisection, its moral implications and scientific flaws. With that focus, 2 years ago the first antivivisection commission was formed in the legislative house in the state of São Paulo (comprising 10% of the Brazilian population) which included myself, other members of our group and other animal rights activists. Add to that, campaigns on different fronts (protests, education on the streets, debates in the media and at universities) and the result was a movement that enjoyed greater respect and visibility than it did at the time of the previous defeat a few years back.

All of that contributed to the trigger lab raid that took place in October 2013, but what made all the difference was that we behaved as a truly integrated movement, and by integrated I do not mean one that necessarily had a clear dialog between its different fronts and tactics, but one that organically knew where and when each one would contribute.

The media treated the open rescue positively because it had been educated during the previous 6 years. Law enforcement authorities were greatly influenced by that and so were politicians, who, only one year before elections, saw an opportunity to take a stand and made themselves present during and especially after the invasion. Only a few days later a new protest brought thousands to the lab’s door, and other social movements joined, including black blocs who set one police car and one TV station’s car on fire, causing (as expected) riot police to react aggressively as is usual in Brazil, generating images of 60-year-old ladies being attacked by tear gas as activists tried as they could to block rubber bullets, using large street signs to protect the innocent media personnel and families that were present. All of that of

course only brought more positive media attention, which by then wanted to hear from all the animal rights specialists (veterinarians, biologists, doctors, dietitians, philosophers) who had been around for years and suddenly became of interest to them. And we were there for them, presenting the scientific side to what the hardcore front had started (some of us act on all fronts, but don't tell them).

And there were the legislators. Some of them old time companions, others the same ones we fought against a few years back, but hey, if you want to be friends now and show results for animals, that's fine with us. A commission was formed at the National Congress and they were so available to visit and pose for photos alongside us. It

the governor on January 23, 2014 signed the bill and animal experimentation for cosmetics and toiletries was banned in the state that holds the largest number of cosmetics industry companies and that has the greatest influence on other states and cities.

On June 4, 2014 the National Congress (which started hearings on the issue only a few weeks after the lab raid in October 2013) passed a bill that prohibits cosmetic testing on animals nationwide. Not quite a celebration though as it only prohibits the testing of known substances. According to the bill, a new substance can be tested for five years before animals will be

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took less than a week for a bill to be written and proposed by the antivivisection commission previously formed in São Paulo (it was so quick that I had to divide my time between interviews at the lab's front door as the heat was still on, and being at the legislative meetings on the same afternoon).

Only a few days later an ALF raid freed the mice who were left behind during the open rescue and that kept the subject in the media spotlight for weeks. The lab was permanently shut down on November 6th declaring it could no longer operate under those circumstances, alleging financial losses and pressure as the main reasons (in other words, it could no longer cover up its dirty business).

On December 11, 2013 (less than 2 months after the raid) the bill in the state of São Paulo was passed. After another month of pressure,

protected from being tortured by it. And the bill still has to go through the Senate. Most importantly, it still has to prohibit animal testing for any purpose whatsoever. But when we consider that only 6 years ago the same Congress was regulating vivisection so that it could enjoy "safer" business (more profitable and trouble-free) nationwide, the clear message is that all we have to do is persist until we have reached total liberation for laboratory animals (while we campaign for all other animals as well). The lab raid not only saved 200 beagles, but it has saved countless animals from ever being used by the vivisection industry in the state of São Paulo and hopefully countrywide in Brazil.

Educate, persist, resist and victory will be theirs!





LOCKED DOWN TO LIBERATE

“WE’RE NOT LEAVING
WITHOUT THE ANIMALS”

On April 20th, 2013 a march against vivisection was planned in the city of Milano, Italy. It was organized by Fermare Green Hill, the group behind the campaign that closed down notorious Green Hill beagle breeders. The vivisection industry would never expect that day to end like it did.

A CAREFUL PLAN FOR A CRAZY ACTION

The action was carefully planned and involved a lot of activists with different roles. We initially called for a march in the city, starting at 2 pm from a public square not too far from the Pharmacology Department of Milano University, the lab we decided to target. We advertised the demo as much as possible while preparing for one of the most daring actions ever in the history of the Italian movement. The march was not meant to pass close to the lab, which we also never mentioned in all of our promotion.

The real action started at 11:45. We had to do it before the University would close at noon. This was an important research department, but with not many classrooms and students around, so walking in from the front door could look quite suspicious. We decided to climb a big car gate on the back with the help of some ladders. This was the only gate without cameras watching. From the backyard, an open door would bring us to the stairs. While a group of activists went to the animal rooms on the 4th floor, there were 20 more activists doing a run-in at the entrance of the building, causing some chaos with megaphones, drums and placards. Security had to close all front doors and was too busy to notice anything else.

On the 4th floor it took less than one minute to open the door, and let 5 activists in who locked themselves to every entrance in the lab. The entire floor was now locked down by activists, with no way in or out. The action was a success so far, so the support team left the building in a few minutes. Still, the University and police who had arrived for the

disruption at the front doors did not notice there was something strange going on in the animal rooms on the 4th floor.

Twenty minutes later a banner was dropped out of the windows. It read “Smash the Walls of Silence - Stop Vivisection”. This was the same name we had called the demo, a day to expose the reality of the research industry. It was only then that the police and university understood there was something really unexpected going on. They started looking for ways to get onto the 4th floor, but there were people locked with their necks at the only two entrances. They called the firefighters, who planned to get in from the roof or the windows. Dozens of activists who were in front of the university met riot police who started pushing them away to the other side of the street. They wanted to solve this situation as quickly as possible, before it would be too late. We both knew they could not use too much force, that they could not do anything at all after we had hundreds of supporters and TV crews with us. The two hours before the official march was to start were the most intense: we had to resist the police with just a small group of protesters out in front of the building.

The meeting for the march was at 14:00, but a communication team was realtime updating our social networks, website, and newsletters calling people to rally in front of the University. They were receiving updates, videos, and photos directly from the inside. The first short video shot inside the labs was on the web just a couple hours after we opened that door, inspiring people from all over the world, and calling protesters to join us.

THE DEMO

It was almost 2 pm when a big bus arrived right in front of the University. About 80 protesters from another region joined the action, and there was a big cheer and a sense of relief. We knew everything would go smoother from now on. The square was full of people and the atmosphere was really intense despite heavy rain. At the same time a couple hundred more people were at the demo meeting place. We called the few of us there in charge of the demo and asked to come quickly. It took half an hour before we could hear their slogans on the megaphones and see hundreds more coming from a nearby street, marching and chanting behind banners. With all of us together, we took over not only the university, but the whole square in front of it, forcing the police to move the traffic elsewhere. After all, there was a battle going on in that place, a battle fought for decades between those who consider animals like research tools and those who consider them like sentient beings we should respect.

For the whole day the activists inside took pictures, filmed the animals, read the documents, and scanned all of them sending files through email or letting memory cards fly down onto the demo hidden in our "secret communication devices" aka tennis balls. They gave some really moving speeches from the windows to the crowd, reading some research papers and explaining what was in there and what was done to the animals. The location of the lab made all the difference, since we expected that we would be able to see them and to talk to them from windows. We were able to create contact between the 5 activists inside and the protesters outside.

THE RESULTS

We had food and sleeping bags, and despite the rain we were prepared to stand there for long a long time. We planned to sleep in

front of the lab and lay siege to it in order to create the attention we wanted on the suffering of the animals. We demanded that all the animals be released to animal sanctuaries. We knew asking for everything is often a way to get at least a portion of it, but we were not prepared for what happened quite so soon.

At 18:00, after realizing it was impossible to remove the activists and to stop all the fuss, the demo, the planned siege of the lab, and the media attention, the University agreed on giving us some of the animals. The 5 activists would be allowed to leave with some cardboard boxes found in the lab and as many animals as they could carry themselves, but weren't allowed to get any help from the outside.

At 21:00 the activists left with up to six cardboard boxes each in their hands, slowly going down the stairs with more than 400 mice and 1 rabbit who had been in the lab since 2008. There were still two hundreds people waiting outside with so much joy in all of them. It was an historical moment for us, for the animals, and for the movement.


THE IDEA BEHIND THIS ACTION

Opposition to vivisection in Italy has grown a lot in the last years, with the emptying of Green Hill and all dogs liberated. It was a milestone for our movement. But still there were no recent images from within Italian labs. So this action was planned to get a lot of media attention and release images and documents from one of the many labs in the country. It was a bit like the Liberation Leagues actions in the UK, or like the NIH office occupations in the US done by PETA back in the '80s to stop the funding of the infamous Gennarelli Head Injury lab at the University of Pennsylvania.

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It was a civil disobedience action aimed at showing the reality of a lab and raise one important question: why so much secrecy behind animal experimentation?

SUFFERING FOR RESEARCH

On the 4th floor of this department we could only document the animal rooms. The labs where the animals are poisoned and killed are on the other floors. But still this was a really sad thing to see. There were many, many rooms full of racks of mice and one with 18 rabbits, isolated in their small cages. Many of the mice were scratching themselves until they bled. Some of them were mad from their imprisonment, jumping with no pause to try and find an exit. Some of the rabbits had been there for 5 years.

These animals were used for what the researchers called "life saving research". We have given all of the documents to some scientists. Their response after reading them was that this was a useless waste of money and animals lives. Among the experiments, many were on neurodegenerative cells and tumors, on illnesses like Alzheimers, Autism or SLA (also known as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's Disease). But one of Italy's leading antivivisection scientists is a woman affected by SLA herself, an important researcher who has chosen to dedicate her life to non-animal experimentation. Who better than her could say that the so-called "life-saving" research done in this lab for her illness is useless? In addition to their experiments on neurology, they also had been conducting tests into nicotine addiction as well as drug addiction and drug side-effects on these poor animals.

THE BACKLASH

What happened after this action was an incredible backlash from the worldwide research community. Pro animal research blogs and media from all over the globe were condemning us as terrorists, we received hundreds of messages and hatemail on social networks, in all languages. Our campaign phone even received threatening text messages from the US. We had definitely hit a sensitive spot.

The day after our action, Pro-Test Italia was formed and they did their first demo in defence of science. Vivisectors started flooding the media with articles depicting this nonviolent action like a terrorist act aimed at halting life-saving research and probably killing thousands of people. They also accused us of hurting animals, claimed the mice would all die within a few days, and so on. The usual false propaganda at its best.

Regardless, we got what we wanted: the debate on the use of animals in labs has become stronger than ever: on the media, on the internet, and among people in the scientific community. There is no silence anymore on the life and death of 900,000 animals imprisoned in Italian labs every year.

THE TRIAL

Soon, 5 activists will be on trial for this action. They have multiple charges like criminal damage, invasion/occupation of buildings and private violence. They did this for the animals and need as much support as possible. If you wish to show solidarity or donate to their defense fund please write to fermaregreenhill@gmail.com

SHAC ENDS

WE MADE HISTORY. THE FUTURE IS OURS



SHAC (Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty) has been the biggest and most effective grassroots animal rights campaign the world has ever seen. Since we started, thousands of people across the globe have taken up the fight to close down Europe's largest animal testing laboratory; HLS (Huntingdon Life Sciences).

Numerous undercover investigations have revealed the horrors taking place within the lab - animals being poisoned, primates being cut open without anaesthetic, puppies being punched in the face. HLS has become synonymous with cruelty and murder.

During the past decade, compassionate and fearless people have joined SHAC and dedicated themselves to saving those animals. We've all played our part in this revolutionary campaign. Through determination, anger and groundbreaking new tactics, we've decimated the finances and reputation of the massive multinational corporation HLS. With intelligence and hard work we've consistently found out which companies have been

working with or funding HLS and then made them a target. As a result, hundreds of companies have pulled out of dealing with the lab, including some of the world's largest and most powerful financial institutions.

Huntingdon Life Sciences have become the most protested animal testing lab in history. Thousands of actions have taken place against them - in one year alone, almost 800 demos took place.

Alongside the legal protests carried out by SHAC activists, there have been relentless and hard hitting ALF actions carried out against HLS' suppliers, customers and financial backers. Courageous freedom fighters have risked

breaking the law to commit direct action in the name of animals. In one example, 129 rabbits were liberated from Huntingdon's supplier Highgate Rabbit Farm. On other occasions, 14 beagle dogs were liberated from HLS' US site and a boat belonging to a Bank of America executive (they were providing financial services to HLS) was sunk, along with the message "money means nothing - life means everything". These are just a few examples of the hundreds of actions that have taken place. Without the bravery and creativity of these activists, all of those rabbits and dogs would have been murdered in useless experiments and Bank of America would no doubt have continued supporting HLS.

It's through this innovative combination of SHAC's high profile lawful protest activity and the ALF's unconventional, but highly effective tactics, that the campaign against Huntingdon Life Sciences has been so successful.

SHAC was no longer just fighting HLS; we were fighting the government - a much larger and more powerful enemy.

Despite this, SHAC continued to resist repression and campaign against HLS, raising awareness of the 70 thousand animals locked away behind the barbed wire fences.

But, after more than 10 years of organising the SHAC campaign and having sent shockwaves throughout the entire vivisection industry, our opposition has evolved. The global animal abuse and legal landscapes have changed and so it's time for us too, to change our tactics.

With the onslaught of government repression against animal rights activists in the UK, it's time to reassess our methods, obstacles and opponent's weaknesses, to build up our solidarity network for activists and to start healing the affects of repression.



WITH THE FIRES OF LIBERATION AND JUSTICE BURNING IN OUR HEARTS, WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE.

Right now HLS is over \$100 million in debt, is struggling to win or keep customers, has steadily decreasing year end profits and is at serious risk of bankruptcy. The only reason they've survived this long is because of the UK government.

Due to vested interests in the vivisection and pharmaceutical industries and seeing the affect animal rights campaigners were having on HLS, the UK government stepped in and saved the laboratory from closure with a multi-million pound loan and private banking and insurance facilities. The authorities have also increasingly targeted SHAC campaigners with harassment, arrests, raids and imprisonment. Since 2007 dozens of activists have been arrested, with some receiving lengthy prison sentences - in some cases, up to 11 years. Campaigners have also been given extreme bail and licence conditions to silence them from speaking out against animal testing and isolate them from the animal rights movement.

Although we're announcing the closure of the SHAC campaign, it will always be an important part of our history and a reminder of the ingenuity and power of the animal rights movement. SHAC will continue to inspire activists around the world to join the struggle against animal testing and take on those who profit from abuse and exploitation.

It's our knowledge and ability to develop and focus our tactics in the most effective ways, which will continue to make us a threat to the animal exploitation industries.

With the fires of liberation and justice burning in our hearts, we look to the future.

Now the question everyone should be asking is... What are we going to do next?

SHAC

Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty



BLAST FROM THE PAST:

THE ALLARD RAID

FEBRUARY 21, 1981 // NOGENT-SUR-MARNE, FRANCE

Early in the morning of February 21st, 1981 a group of animal liberationists gathered outside the Allard Corporation's laboratory in Nogent-sur-Marne, France. It had been an icy winter, but the snow was just starting to melt and the improving weather was creating problems for our aspiring burglars. People were out drinking, cars were passing by, but shortly after 2:35 am the streets were finally deserted enough for the action to begin.

Creeping through the shadows, three members of the newly formed organization KATPAT leapt over a wall and pulled themselves onto a corrugated steel roof. A panel was pried back to allow for entry and soon these young warriors found themselves in a room filled with beagle puppies—prisoners of the vivisection industry.

They set to work immediately. One member opened the cages and passed the dogs to another, who in turn handed them up to the volunteer still on the roof. In only four minutes, eight gentle creatures were saved from a horrible fate—the LD50 test.

A month later the four women and six men who formed KATPAT sent out a communique. They demanded that the French government fund a national organization seeking alternatives to vivisection, and a ban on the LD50 test. Television, radio, and print media covered the action in a mostly positive light, and soon other "commandos" in France began to build on the momentum of this raid.

This raid was originally covered in *The Beast* #10. The complete collection of *The Beast*, along with hundreds of other rare animal and earth lib publications, is available at TheTalonConspiracy.com



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THE COMMUNIQUE:

Saturday, February 21: eight dogs rescued, eight beagles destined for a Lethal Dose 50 experiment.

2:30am:

Cold night, melting snow, several cars on the main road of the area. The rough ground leading to the wall of the laboratory is on a slope. Also we have to skirt the fencing to reach the shadows so we won't be seen.

2:35am:

Two of us, followed by a third, climb the wall onto the corrugated iron roof of the animal house. We slide to the ground just in front of the cages. The evacuation is immediate. The little dogs are passed from hand to hand to the foot of the wall. There are eight of them. We get them altogether and begin to leave.

Moment of fear:

a policeman! But he passes without realising our presence and we head for our van in which we put the dogs. Departure in the direction of ... X.

The raid has lasted four minutes. It is snowing with large flakes and the snow, our accomplice, covers our tracks. The journey goes without incident: Providence has protected us.

We wish to say that we chose the Allard laboratory because it is a typical example of a laboratory manufacturing pharmaceutical products; because we wish to draw public attention to the overproduction of medicines; because we wish to warn people of the total absence of controls on advertising for new medicines... Finally, we denounce the Lethal Dose 50 Test (LD-50) which kills too great a number of animals in order to find out toxicity levels. We demand that the public authorities establish a national organisation devoted to developing alternatives, especially for the pharmaceutical industry...

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SPAIN - MARCH 25, 2013 - SEVEN CHICKENS RESCUED

LIBERATION

06/22/14 (Australia) 80 hens were liberated from egg farms in Western Australia.

06/15/14 (Turkey) During a protest in Istanbul, activists entered a pet store and rescued two dogs after clashing with the store owner.

June 2014 (Czech Republic) 50 mink released from cages at a fur farm in Dolní Cerekev; during a return visit two cars and a tractor were vandalized. At another fur farm in Velký Ratmírov, a truck and an excavator were damaged.

05/25/14 (Israel) Several hooded crows were released from a trap.

05/20/14 (USA) 35 pheasants were freed from a game farm in Gervais, Oregon after a pen was pried open. The owner told a local newspaper that the loss of the birds was a "significant blow" to the business.

05/11/14 (Sweden) 104 hens rescued from cages at an egg farm. In a claim of responsibility, activists wrote, "The egg industry in Sweden exploits millions of hens every year because people demand to eat eggs. The only hope for each individual hen is that somebody on the outside decides to act. The hope for those left behind and for those who will take their place is that our habit of eating animal products ceases and that the way society views animals changes drastically."

04/30/14 (Turkey) 18 ducklings and 18 young chickens were rescued from a street vendor in Istanbul.

04/30/14 (UK) 100 caged hens liberated in the south of England;

action dedicated to imprisoned activists Debbie Vincent and Ebba Olausson.

04/19/14 (UK) To mark the Easter holiday, four lambs were liberated from a farm near Birmingham.

04/14/14 (Italy) Mink freed from cages at a fur farm in San Marco (Ravenna).

04/11/14 (France) Three crows rescued from traps in Novéant, and the traps were destroyed.

April 2014 (Poland) Three hens were rescued by activists with the group Otwarte Klatki during an investigation at an egg farm.

April 2014 (Czech Republic) Three ducklings were saved from slaughter and given a new home.

April 2014 (UK) Hens liberated by the ALF; "in 5 minutes we were on our way with six happy hens," the activists wrote.

03/16/14 (Israel) ALF freed three ducks from a small, crowded cage at a petting zoo.

03/02/14 (Turkey) In the middle of a protest in Istanbul against proposed changes to Turkey's animal protection law, activists entered a pet store and rescued four rabbits suffering in poor conditions.

02/27/14 (Israel) During a blockade of a slaughterhouse near the village of Kfar Habad, four turkeys were rescued from a transport truck.

02/17/14 (UK) 21 chickens freed by the ALF from a farm in the West Midlands.

02/14/14 (Peru) ALF rescued 10 pigeons destined to be killed for food who were crammed into a small cage at a house.

02/09/14 (Italy) According to a

newspaper report, an attempt to liberate mice from a laboratory at the Veneto Oncology Institute in Padua was interrupted by the arrival of police. There were no arrests.

01/26/14 (Poland) In the first open rescue in Poland, activists from the group BASTA! rescued 10 chickens from a factory farm. In a radio interview, the activists stated, "We do not consider this to be theft. Chickens are living beings, not objects, and living beings cannot be stolen."

01/18/14 (Russia) ALF rescued two peacocks, two pheasants, five chickens and four pigeons from a decrepit private zoo in Moscow.

01/01/14 (Israel) 412 hens were liberated by 269 life activists. Following the action, the small farm closed down.

January 2014 (Italy) Fences cut at a hunting center in the province of Rome, giving wild boar a chance to escape.

January 2014 (Czech Republic) Eight chickens were rescued from an egg farm.

12/21/13 (Germany) Nine ducks were liberated from a farm in Hesse.

12/16/13 (Peru) ALF rescued three calves from poor conditions at the Camposanto Zoo in Lima.

12/08/13 (Italy) More than 1,500 mink were freed from cages at a fur farm in Carzago Riviera. "Running through sheds among a thousand little eyes that glowed in the dark... we began our escape," the activists wrote in a claim of responsibility.

12/01/13 (Uruguay) ALF rescued two rabbits from a university laboratory in Montevideo.

11/21/13 (Australia) At an emu farm

in New South Wales, fences were cut and over 100 birds escaped.

11/21/13 (Czech Republic) 300 mink were liberated from a fur farm in Jihlava.

11/14/13 (USA) Every cage at a Colorado fur farm was opened and breeding cards removed.

11/13/13 (Brazil) One week after announcing the closure of its laboratory in São Roque, the Instituto Royal was raided for the second time. Doors were forced open and more than 300 rats and mice who still remained inside the lab were liberated. In addition, expensive microscopes, computers and other research equipment was destroyed. Three cars and a motorcycle parked on site were also vandalized.

11/09/13 (Italy) As many as 2,500 mink were freed from cages at a fur farm in San Marco (Ravenna).

11/02/13 (Italy) Near the town of Renate, cages were opened, freeing songbirds held as decoys by hunters. The activists wrote, "To watch them fly on the night of their liberation, and to hear the music of their wings as they fly free in the woods was a great joy; it is always a great satisfaction to destroy cages that were a short time before a prison."

11/01/13 (Poland) Cages were opened and dozens of foxes ran free from a fur farm.

10/25/13 (Denmark) Approximately 1,000 mink were released from cages at a fur farm in the town of Løgstør.

10/17/13 (Brazil) At the end of an anti-vivisection protest outside the Instituto Royal in São Roque, activists stormed the complex and rescued 178 dogs and seven rabbits.

In addition, doors, windows and computers were destroyed, and files were taken. A few weeks later, the institute announced that it would shut down the laboratory.

10/14/13 (UK) Over 50 partridges were released from cages at a shooting estate.

10/08/13 (UK) At a government-owned estate in Kent, the roof covering pens was forced open, allowing close to 400 partridges, pheasants and grouse to fly away. Police suspect animal rights activists were responsible.

10/06/13 (USA) Several hundred mink were released from cages at a fur farm in Grand Meadow, Minnesota. In a claim of responsibility, the activists wrote, "The only thing keeping these animals imprisoned is our own fear and a simple latch on a cage. A wild existence for them is only feet away. Make animal liberation a reality."

10/05/13 (USA) 2,000 mink were released from cages at a fur farm in New Holstein, Wisconsin.

10/02/13 (Canada) The perimeter fence was cut at a fur farm in Abbotsford, British Columbia and over 800 cages opened to allow mink a chance to escape to freedom.

October 2013 (Germany) 26 ducks being raised for meat were freed from a farm in eastern Germany.

09/29/13 (USA) ALF released several hundred mink and destroyed breeding records at a fur farm in Van Wert, Ohio. The farm has disputed that the action occurred.

09/25/13 (USA) Cages opened and hundreds of mink released at a fur farm in Ebensburg, Pennsylvania. "We lost count of the number of wild animals freed into their natural environment, due to the animals being housed in atrocious conditions, four to tiny cob-webbed cages," the ALF wrote. "Words can not describe the filth and blinding stench of this farm. As expected, the animals wasted no time escaping from their barren prisons into the natural world."

09/16/13 (Czech Republic) 17 chickens liberated from a factory farm and given a new home.

09/14/13 (Spain) 20 bulls were released from pens on the outskirts of Tordesillas on the eve of the town's infamous "Toro de la Vega" fiesta and bullfight. Sadly, the bulls were recaptured.

09/13/13 (USA) 20 mink were freed from cages and breeding records destroyed at a fur farm in Hoytsville, Utah. The raid may have been interrupted by the arrival of a feed delivery truck.

09/11/13 (Israel) 269 life activists liberated eight chickens before they

could be abused and killed in the Kaparot ritual.

09/05/13 (Italy) 407 guinea pigs were liberated from a farm in Alzate di Momo that supplies animals to the vivisection industry. The ALF left a painted message for the farmer, "Their nightmare is over, yours has just begun."

09/04/13 (UK) 150 caged hens liberated from a farm in the south of England

09/02/13 (Israel) A small bird was freed from a cage on a windowsill of a house. The activist responsible wrote, "After a short moment of realizing what had just happened, s/he flew away happily, chirping."

September 2013 (UK) Five chickens were saved from a factory farm.

08/30/13 (USA) Hundreds of mink were freed from cages at a fur farm in Keota, Iowa.

08/26/13 (Canada) At a fur farm in Simcoe, Ontario, ALF activists tore down a large section of fence and then released 750 mink and 50 fox from cages.

08/26/13 (USA) 15 cows were set loose from a holding pen at a small slaughterhouse in North Branch, Michigan. In addition, locks were glued on the building and on a truck, lights broken, empty chicken cages smashed and "Meat is Murder" spray-

painted. Days later, some of the cows were spotted three miles away, near a state wildlife area.

08/18/13 (France) Two goldfish kept in a dirty bowl at a school in Paris were taken and released into a better environment.

08/15/13 (USA) Pens were cut open and captive pheasants and quail freed from an exhibit at a state wildlife area in Oregon.

08/14/13 (USA) 2,000 mink were released from cages at a fur farm in Morris, Illinois. In addition, paint stripper was poured on two trucks, and "Liberation is love" painted on a barn.

07/28/13 (USA) More than 2,000 mink were released from cages at a fur farm in Burley, Idaho. Breeding records were also destroyed.

07/28/13 (UK) 116 chickens liberated from an intensive farm in the south of England; the raid was dedicated to imprisoned activist George House.

07/27/13 (USA) The ALF freed one bobcat from a cage at an almost abandoned fur farm in Plains, Montana; the animal was the only one found on the property.

07/27/13 (Uruguay) Several birds, guinea pigs, rabbits and other animals were freed from the Atlantida zoo in Canelones.

07/25/13 (Israel) A hen, a rabbit and

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In the early morning of **August 26, 2013**, the ALF raided **Royal Oak Fur Farm in Simcoe, Ontario**.

We approached the fur farm and laid down in the tall grass so we could watch the guard's building for any sign of movement. Once we were satisfied it was empty, we cut the bands that attach the chainlink fence to the poles and then tore a large area of fence down at the back of the farm and opened the front gate. We estimate we released about 750 mink and 50 fox.

The fox almost seemed to understand what was happening because once they realized they were free, they wasted no time leaving their cages and escaping through the holes we made in the fence.

After the fur farmers house lights flicked on, we quickly started pulling off breeding cards and tossing them around the empty cages, and then made our retreat through the corn fields with a noisy group of mink experiencing their first taste of freedom. We won't stop until this, and all fur farms are empty. - ALF

LIBERATED AUGUST 2013





01/01/13 (Italy) - 7 dairy trucks destroyed, 1 damaged



09/05/13 (Italy) - 407 guinea pigs liberated

01/21/14 (Israel) - McDonalds vandalized



four guinea pigs were rescued from poor conditions at a zoo.

07/22/13 (USA) ALF cut open pens at a pheasant farm in Riverside, California, giving birds a chance at freedom.

07/20/13 (Ukraine) Under a full moon, activists swam to a "dolphin therapy" center operated by the Yevpatoria Dolphinarium on the shores of Lake Donuzlav and cut netting, returning two dolphins to the sea. In a claim of responsibility, the activists wrote, "Dolphins encouraged our efforts with clicks and whistling. Their support filled us with joy and excitement."

July 2013 (Israel) In an early morning action at a farm, 269 life activists carefully loaded a cow onto a trailer and escaped with him to safety.

Summer 2013 (Italy) Three mink were rescued from a fur farm and released into the wild, on the banks of a river.

06/11/13 (UK) 150 hens liberated from an intensive farm in the south of England.

06/01/13 (France) Five ravens were freed from traps in north-eastern France.

05/26/13 (Canada) Holes were cut in enclosures at the GuZoo Animal Farm in Three Hills, Alberta, allowing donkeys, buffalo, sheep, ostriches, sika deer and coyotes to roam free. At the same time, a chainsaw was used to cut down signs advertising the zoo along the highway. The roadside zoo has long been known for its neglect and poor treatment of animals. Sadly, zoo owner (and former fur farmer) Lynn Gustafson later shot and killed one of the escaped coyotes rather than allow the animal to live free.

05/26/13 (France) Four pigeons were freed from a cage trap; the trap was destroyed.

05/26/13 (France) A wire cage trap was cut open, freeing eight crows near Nantes.

05/24/13 (Australia) A sheep kept on a very short chain was rescued and rehomed.

05/23/13 (UK) Nine lambs were rescued from a farm in southern England.

05/19/13 (France) A hunting tower was destroyed and three ravens freed from a cage trap.

05/12/13 (Netherlands) 269 life activists liberated 23 broiler chickens. "They now have a home where they can breathe fresh air, enjoy the sunlight and feel grass," the activists wrote.

05/07/13 (UK) 17 lambs were liberated by the ALF in southwest England just days before they were to be slaughtered.

May 2013 (Spain) Activists from Promoviendo el Veganismo (Promoting Veganism) rescued five rabbits who were to be sent to slaughter.

04/13/13 (Spain) ALF activists rescued 29 rabbits from a farm in Barcelona. In a claim of responsibility, the activists wrote, "If you've ever

seen the terrified eyes of an animal in a cage and then felt their heart beating next to yours at the time of their release, you know exactly the meaning of Animal Liberation."

04/09/13 (Netherlands) In an open rescue, six beagles were removed from a laboratory animal breeder in Escharen. One of the participants explained the action: "I did this because I can not possibly look away as our four-legged friends are used in experiments. I will step openly and proudly into the police station." The dogs are safe in new homes and the activists vow to never give away their location.

04/05/13 (Spain) 14 pigeons released from cages at the home of a pigeon racer in León.

04/03/13 (Israel) 105 abused hens were rescued from an egg farm by 269 life activists.

03/26/13 (Italy) Cages emptied at a mink farm in the town of Fiesco d'Artico; hundreds of mink escaped.

03/25/13 (Spain) Seven broiler chickens were rescued from a farm in the Balearic Islands.

03/12/13 (Italy) Dozens of rabbits and chickens destined to be killed for meat were rescued by the ALF from cages at a makeshift farm in the village of San Marco, near Venice.

03/04/13 (Russia) In Krasnodar, a horse used to give riding tours to tourists was found chained to a tree; the horse was cut free.

03/01/13 (USA) ALF liberated 10 rabbits from a breeder in Banning, California. Cages were also destroyed, and cars and buildings spray-painted.

02/27/13 (Philippines) An owl was released from a small, rusty cage at a zoo on the island of Boracay.

02/02/13 (Czech Republic) Deer freed from a farm after the fence was damaged.

01/16/13 (Italy) Cages were opened and approximately 1,200 mink freed at a fur farm in Dovera.

January 2013 (Sweden) Three sheep in Huddinge were freed from poor conditions and given new homes.

SABOTAGE

06/30/14 (UK) A truck bearing pro-hunt stickers was one of several vehicles torched in Bristol; action claimed by the Informal Anarchist Federation/Earth Liberation Front.

06/22/14 (USA) Bleach poured into the fuel tank of a mobile slaughter truck in Sublimity, Oregon.

06/21/14 (Ireland) Gates locked and entrance spray-painted at a fur farm in County Laois.

06/16/14 (Australia) On the eve of the start of a government cull of kangaroos in nature parks in Canberra, tires were slashed and windows broken on 10 vehicles at a parks service depot. Windows were also broken on the building and "ALF"

graffitied.

06/14/14 (USA) Mobile slaughter truck in Hillsboro, Oregon sabotaged by introducing a corrosive chemical into the fuel tanks.

June 2014 (Netherlands) Hunting tower sabotaged and a hunting seat toppled.

05/22/14 (Italy) Anti-vivisection slogans painted, windows broken and red paint thrown at the entrance to research buildings at the University of Milan.

05/18/14 (France) Several vehicles outside the bullfighting arena in Vergèze were damaged.

05/17/14 (Russia) ALF set fire to an empty horsebox at an equestrian center in Moscow known for abuse and neglect of horses.

05/05/14 (Germany) Fire destroyed a hunting tower near the city of Solingen. The property owner blamed animal rights activists.

05/01/14 (Turkey) Windows broken, "End Animal Experiments!" and other slogans painted, at Haliç University in Istanbul.

May 2014 (Netherlands) Hunting tower sawed down.

04/30/14 (Germany) Hunting store in Hannover marked with red paint.

04/27/14 (USA) Red paint splattered at Carter2 Systems, a manufacturer of primate cages for the vivisection industry, in Hillsboro, Oregon.

04/25/14 (Germany) Over 60 Circus Monoco advertising posters torn down or altered in Greifswald.

04/19/14 (Greece) Windows broken, slogans painted and a truck damaged at a meat market in Volos.

04/17/14 (Netherlands) Two hunting seats were destroyed.

04/14/14 (USA) Locks filled with glue at a store in Portland, Oregon that sells taxidermied animals, fox tails and other items sourced from fur farms, hunters and trappers.

04/10/14 (USA) Locks glued at two companies in Portland that provide equipment and support to the meat industry.

04/05/14 (Spain) Shutters at KFC in Barcelona locked shut with a bicycle lock.

04/01/14 (Germany) Display window at Berlin fur store covered in black paint; activists then visited the store owner's home and poured red paint over her car.

April 2014 (Germany) Dozens of Circus Montana posters, and a banner advertising a zoo, destroyed in Freiburg.

April 2014 (Switzerland) ALF destroyed four hunting towers and painted slogans on a hunting club in the countryside outside Basel.

April 2014 (Switzerland) Several signs at the entrance to a small zoo near Basel were either destroyed or emblazoned with animal liberation slogans.

April 2014 (cyberspace) Activists announced that they had hacked the website of the pro-vivisection group Understanding Animal Research.

April 2014 (Germany) Six hunting seats destroyed in Neunkirchen. According to a local newspaper, "Because the destruction was done professionally, hunters assume that it was not a youthful prank, but an action by hunting opponents."

03/30/14 (France) Air France office in Toulouse was vandalized to protest the transport of animals for vivisection; lock glued, posters pasted and fake blood poured on the windows.

03/29/14 (Germany) Tires slashed on a butcher shop trailer in Berlin.

03/28/14 (Germany) In the town of Köpenick, two hunting towers were knocked over and dismantled by the ALF.

03/25/14 (Italy) ALF visited a mink farm under construction outside Milan and caused 30,000 Euros in damages. Cages were torn down and crushed, the electrical and watering systems sabotaged and slogans painted encouraging the farmer to reconsider opening the farm.

03/21/2014 (Netherlands) 269Life Netherlands activists painted slogans and spattered red paint on the walls of a slaughterhouse.

03/21/14 (Spain) Parque Zoológico in Barcelona was graffitied.

03/19/14 (cyberspace) 269 Cyber Army hacked the websites of the Milk Union of Kazakhstan and a meat & dairy expo in Romania.

03/18/14 (Italy) Locks glued at a butcher shop in Rome.

03/16/14 (Israel) A window was broken at a deli in Kiryat Gat and "meat is murder" spray-painted on the sidewalk.

03/15/14 (France) ALF torched two vans at a cleaning company owned by Serge Reder, the pro-bullfighting mayor of Rodilhan. The town in southern France has been the site of passionate anti-bullfighting protests.

03/12/14 (Israel) 269 Cyber Army hacked several animal industry websites, adding animal liberation messages and images.

03/11/14 (cyberspace) Hacktivists launched a DDoS attack against China Southern Airlines websites; the airline announced one week later that it would no longer transport primates for laboratory experiments.

03/09/14 (Germany) Hunting tower and a tree stand were destroyed in Aukrug. In 2013, four hunting towers were destroyed in the area. A local newspaper reported that handwritten notes had been left behind calling for an end to hunting. According to a state forest department representative, there were about 50 acts of vandalism targeting hunting towers across Germany in 2013, totaling more than 20,000 Euros in damages.

03/09/14 (Germany) Police suspected anti-hunting activists of being responsible for the toppling of a hunting tower near the town of Sulzbach.

03/07/14 (USA) Activists breached security at the Fraser Fur Farm in Montana and destroyed valuable

breeding records. "Our task was to disrupt as best we could the fate which awaits these fur-bearing animals," the activists explained.

02/28/14 (Finland) Window smashed at a fur store in Helsinki.

02/27/14 (Israel) Dairy billboards altered with animal liberation messages.

02/26/14 (Germany) Five hunting towers sawed down near the town of Dieburg.

02/20/14 (Germany) 11 coats with fur trim were marked with paint at shops in Berlin.

02/19/14 (Germany) A hunting tower near the community of Beuern (Hesse) burned to the ground.

02/14/14 (USA) Fur coat smeared with red paint at a second-hand shop in California.

02/13/14 (Germany) Red paint poured on the door of a butcher shop in Berlin, and the lock was glued.

02/07/14 (New Zealand) ALF claimed responsibility for a fire that extensively damaged a KFC in Upper Hutt.

01/22/14 (Lithuania) Locks glued at two meat shops and a fur store in Vilnius.

01/21/14 (Israel) Windows shattered, red paint dumped and "ALF" spray-painted at a McDonald's in Tel-Aviv.

01/20/14 (Turkey) Air France offices in Istanbul graffitied and stickered.

01/20/14 (cyberspace) The hacktivist network Anonymous temporarily shut down the government website for Wakayama Prefecture, where Taiji Cove is located, the sight of dolphin killings and captures.

01/19/14 (Germany) Hunting tower destroyed in Saarbrücken; €1,500 damages.

01/18/14 (France) The Justice Department claimed responsibility for an explosion and fire that destroyed administrative offices and the electrical/computer systems at a cattle market in Lezay. According to news reports, the remains of a gas cylinder was found on site.

01/11/14 (Germany) Circus Berolina posters were cut down in Berlin.

01/07/14 (cyberspace) The Namibian newspaper reported that its website and the website of a travel company in Namibia were targeted by Anonymous in protest of a decision by the government of Namibia to allow the hunting of endangered black rhinos.

01/07/14 (Germany) Hunting tower at the edge of a nature reserve near Salem was knocked over. Two other towers in the same area were damaged in November and December. Police blamed "Militant hunting opponents."

01/06/14 (Italy) "Stop Vivisection" and other slogans painted near the homes of four University of Milan vivisectioners. Also, posters were put up with details of the vivisectioners' experiments.

01/06/14 (UK) An explosive device damaged the offices of Vinci, a construction company building a new

"life" sciences center at the University of Bristol.

January 2014 (Germany) Two hunting towers demolished near Hagen. Police speculated that animal rights activists were responsible.

January 2014 (Germany) Paint was used to ruin coats with fur trim at the Galeria Kaufhof department store in Berlin.

12/30/13 (Italy) Locks were sealed at several fishmongers, butchers and fur shops in Rome.

12/29/13 (Canada) ALF vandalized a butcher shop in Montreal.

12/28/13 (USA) Anonymous hacktivists released credit card and banking data of SeaWorld board members. In late December, Anonymous also hacked email accounts at the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (the Japanese Association of Zoos and Aquariums, a WAZA member, is linked to the slaughter of dolphins in Taiji).

12/24/13 (UK) Milk advertisement in Staffordshire graffitied.

12/24/13 (Germany) Hunting tower set on fire near the city of Hildesheim.

12/24/13 (Greece) Bottles of Nestea and Coca-Cola were removed from store shelves following a tampering threat. Activists with the FAI/IRF (Informal Anarchist Federation/International Revolutionary Front) explained, "one of the main reasons we chose NESTLE, are the innumerable experiments they do on animals...."

12/15/13 (Germany) Three trucks parked at a large slaughterhouse in Bochum were torched. "Meat is Murder" and "ALF" were found painted on the burnt-out trucks.

12/14/13 (France) "Stop Vivisection" painted at an Air France office in Lyon, and the locks were glued. On the same night, the windows of a fur shop were painted red, locks were glued on many other shops in the city selling fur and leather, and slogans against animal exploitation painted on the highway surrounding the city.

12/14/13 (Germany) Hunting tower damaged in an explosion in Samern. An explosion also destroyed a hunting tower in Pollhagen in mid-December.

12/09/13 (France) Three Air France offices in Paris were vandalized; locks were glued, red paint splattered at the entrance and slogans painted. Air France is one of a small number of passenger airlines that continue to transport monkeys, dogs and other animals destined for laboratory experimentation.

December 2013 (Greece) Butcher shops, pet stores and other exploitive businesses in Athens were graffitied.

December 2013 (Spain) According to a newspaper report, in late December activists at night entered the municipal dog pound in Badajoz. The activists cleaned the kennels, fed the dogs and left behind a painted message, "Dogs are abused here."

December 2013 (UK) Slogans painted on the windows of a butcher shop in the Midlands, and the locks

were glued.

11/22/13 (France) "Meat = Murder" and other slogans were painted on a butcher shop, a bullring and other buildings in the village of Bouillargues.

11/18/13 (France) A fire damaged a bullring in Rion-des-landes. The arena was the site of a large anti-bullfighting protest in August that was violently broken up by police and bullfighting aficionados, leaving several activists injured.

11/17/13 (Russia, Georgia, Armenia) In coordinated actions, activists in several cities used glue and bicycle locks to seal the doors of restaurants and other enterprises that profit off animal suffering.

11/16/13 (USA) Toilets sabotaged at McDonald's and KFC restaurants in the Midwest.

11/15/13 (UK) Butcher shop had its locks glued and was painted with slogans.

11/14/13 (Germany) The inside of a hunting tower in Duderstadt was soaked with butyric acid, making it unusable.

11/14/13 (UK) Windows covered in etching fluid and locks glued at a butcher shop, and slogans were painted at a betting shop. Actions dedicated in memory of Barry Horne.

11/03/13 (Germany) Hunting tower in the forest near Bracht was sawed down.

November 2013 (USA) Activists

claimed to have tampered with hundreds of jars of Kiwi brand mink oil. Following the claim, S.C. Johnson issued a nationwide recall of the product and announced that it would discontinue the use of mink oil as an ingredient.

November 2013 (UK) More than 100 cage traps used to capture badgers were stolen or destroyed in Gloucestershire. According to a BBC report, "cages had been cut in half with bolt croppers and others had been hit with sledge hammers or flattened by people jumping on them." **November 2013 (Israel)** Messages about the true nature of the dairy industry were painted on numerous dairy billboards.

10/25/13 (Chile) An attempted arson targeted an agriculture industry-sponsored exhibit featuring taxidermied animals at a museum in Valparaíso.

10/24/13 (Ireland) Over 50 posters advertising Tom Duffy's Circus in Dublin were destroyed.

10/22/13 (France) Locks were glued at four fur stores and a foie gras shop in Bordeaux.

10/21/13 (Lithuania) A meat shop in Vilnius had its door lock glued.

10/19/13 (Spain) Bullfighting monument in Amposta was covered in paint and anti-bullfighting messages.

10/14/13 (UK) Two hunt cars had their windows smashed.

10/14/13 (Germany) Hunting tower cut down near the town of Markt Schwaben.

10/11/13 (Ireland) ALF visited four fur stores in Dublin; locks were glued and "Fur Scum" spray-painted on shutters and windows.

10/07/13 (Ireland) Courtney Brothers Circus posters torn down or spray-painted.

10/02/13 (Russia) The Earth Liberation Front/Informal Anarchist Federation burned down a sawmill at a hunting resort near Bryansk.

10/02/13 (Spain) Several fountains in the city of Zaragoza were stained red as a protest against the killing of bulls during an upcoming festival.

09/29/13 (Canada) 30 trucks and trailers at a poultry transport company in Smithville, Ontario were vandalized; locks glued, tires slashed. The company estimated damages at \$50,000.

09/21/13 (Germany) The message "cancelled because of animal abuse" was added to more than 200 Circus Krone posters.

09/17/13 (Spain) The hacktivist network Anonymous added a picture and message against the barbaric and cruel "Toro de la Vega" fiesta on the town of Tordesillas' tourism website.

09/16/13 (USA) Tires slashed on dairy company vans in Portland, Oregon.

09/16/13 (Canada) Tree stand torn

down in Simcoe, Ontario.

09/08/13 (USA) The entrance to a fur cleaning/storage company in Portland was covered in red paint.

09/06/13 (Canada) Six Dairy Farmers of Canada billboards were paint bombed in Vancouver.

09/02/13 (Israel) "Free the birds" and "Refuse to shed blood" were painted in red on a truck owned by a chicken slaughterhouse in Jerusalem.

September 2013 (Germany) Between April and September, 50 hunting seats were destroyed in forests in the state of Schleswig-Holstein. Damage was reported to be more than 20,000 Euros.

08/26/13 (USA) At the home of a North American Fur Auctions executive in a Madison suburb, the ALF broke a window, inserted a garden hose and turned the water on full blast.

08/26/13 (UK) A huge fire heavily damaged a police training center under construction in Portishead, England. In a claim of responsibility, activists explained that the fire was set to coincide with the start of the government's badger cull.

08/22/13 (USA) Two windows smashed, and locks glued, at a fur store in Minneapolis.

08/18/13 (Sweden) According to media reports, as many as 20 hunting towers in Jämtland County were cut down or overturned.

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A garage, and the machines and vehicles inside, were destroyed in a fire outside Lidköping. One day earlier the owner of the property had spoken on local radio about his plans to open a mink farm.

Support **Ebba Olausson** and **Karl Häggroth**! Details on page 7.

SABOTAGED JUNE 2013



08/18/13 (Canada) ALF glued the ignitions of trucks at a slaughterhouse in Caistor Centre, Ontario.

08/16/13 (USA) Window damaged with etching cream, and another window shattered, at a fur/leather store in San Francisco.

08/16/13 (Mexico) Cattle auction website was hacked.

08/12/13 (USA) Locks were glued at a meat processing plant in San Francisco and all the tires on four company trucks were slashed; activists then traveled to the company's butcher shop in Oakland and etched the glass door.

08/12/13 (USA) On two consecutive nights the door locks were glued shut at a restaurant in Oakland, California that displays duck and chicken carcasses in its windows.

08/12/13 (Canada) ALF used syringes to shoot foul-smelling liquid through the rubber sealing and into an expensive truck owned by furrier Eugene Klein in North Vancouver.

08/10/13 (USA) Activists broke into a refrigerated case at the Iowa State Fair and doused the Butter Cow, a life-size sculpture made out of butter, with red paint.

08/10/13 (USA) Two nights in a row the locks were glued at a wholesale meat distributor in Oakland.

08/10/13 (USA) Locks glued at an exotic bird store, and at a butcher shop in Portland, Oregon.

08/09/13 (USA) Locks glued at a meat market in Portland.

08/05/13 (Spain) Ticket office at the Coliseo Balear bullring in the city of Palma (Majorca) was damaged by fire and the letters "ALF" painted on the building. In addition, windows were broken and the door painted at a restaurant selling tickets to the city's annual bullfight.

08/02/13 (Spain) Anonymous hacked the website of the town of Tordesillas that is infamous for an annual festival in which a bull is tortured to death by men armed with spears.

07/28/13 (USA) Locks glued and "Free the Animals" painted at a restaurant in Costa Mesa, California serving rabbit and other so-called "sustainable" meats.

07/27/13 (USA) Animal activists were suspected of being behind a fire that damaged refrigeration units at the Valley Meat Company in Roswell, New Mexico. Valley Meat is hoping to become the first horse slaughterhouse to operate in the U.S. since 2007.

07/25/13 (Sweden) Animal Rights Militia threw two axes through windows at the home of a relative of a man planning to start a mink farm.

07/22/13 (Spain) Locks were glued at the bullring in Valencia.

07/16/13 (USA) ALF targeted a fur store in San Diego; windows were covered in etching fluid, slogans spray-painted and foul-smelling butyric acid sprayed inside. Activists then visited the homes of the store owner and manager, vandalizing vehicles and painting slogans in blood

red paint.

07/09/13 (Chile) Slogans painted on a butcher shop and a pet store in the city of Copiapó.

07/12/13 (USA) Locks glued at a butcher shop in Portland.

07/02/13 (Sweden) Two cars, one moped and a bulldozer were spray-painted at the home of a prospective fur farmer near the town of Ystad.

July 2013 (USA) Locks were glued at the Portland offices of an "exotic meat" company three times in a short period of time.

06/30/13 (USA) Molotov cocktails were thrown at a Burger King in Chicago; a window was broken at a Popeye's restaurant the same night.

06/28/13 (USA) Locks were glued at a Portland taxidermy shop on two separate occasions.

06/26/13 (Germany) 60 Circus Berolina posters destroyed in Greifswald.

06/25/13 (Sweden) Unlit firebombs were placed as a warning in the mailbox of the parents of a man building a mink farm in Hasslösa.

06/18/13 (Sweden) A garage, and the machines and vehicles inside, were destroyed in a fire outside Lidköping. One day earlier the owner of the property had spoken on local radio about his plans to open a mink farm.

06/15/13 (Canada) Tires were punctured on trucks at a chicken slaughterhouse in Welland, Ontario. "Animal Liberation Front" was spray-painted on one of the trucks.

06/15/13 (USA) Locks glued at a sheepskin store in Portland.

06/14/13 (Canada) An activist got inside a slaughterhouse in Calgary, Alberta and painted slogans on the slaughter line.

June 2013 (USA) Windows etched and locks glued at a seafood company in Tigard, Oregon.

June 2013 (USA) In Portland, two trucks belonging to a hunting store had their tires slashed, locks glued and windows covered with etching cream. During a return visit, activists again glued the truck locks and etched the windows.

05/28/13 (Sweden) At a fur store in Malmö, locks were glued, tar poured over the door, "ALF" spray-painted and the awnings were sliced.

05/22/13 (Germany) The Robert Koch Institute in Berlin was hit with five red paint bombs; "hands off the animals" written on the sidewalk.

05/21/13 (Ireland) Locks glued at three fur shops in Dublin.

05/14/13 (UK) Animal Rights Militia claimed to have tampered with milk at supermarkets in Somerset and Gloucestershire in protest of England's badger cull.

05/13/13 (Sweden) A gravestone was taken from a family grave in Södertälje and placed in the garden of the sister of a prospective mink farmer.

05/09/13 (Argentina) Truck belonging to the municipal dog pound in Bariloche was destroyed in

a fire. The truck was used to capture street dogs and transport them to be killed. Police believe the fire was intentionally set.

05/04/13 (Germany) A hunting tower near Berlin was destroyed.

05/01/13 (UK) "Meat is a holocaust" and other slogans graffitied in Staffordshire.

May 2013 (Germany) More than 100 Circus Alberti posters and other advertisements were destroyed in Freiburg.

May 2013 (UK) Activists hacked into NFU Mutual, an insurance company linked to the pro-badger cull National Farmers Union; financial data was stolen to use against people involved in the cull.

May 2013 (USA) Locks were super-glued four times in three weeks at a store in Portland, Oregon that sold tails from farmed foxes.

May 2013 (USA) Several trucks were sabotaged at a seafood company in Portland. Tires were punctured and sugar poured into the gas tanks.

May 2013 (Germany) ALF claimed responsibility for destroying 14 hunting towers near Lüneburg over the past two months.

May 2013 (UK) Twice in two weeks the locks were glued at a new butcher shop in the south of England.

04/24/13 (USA) Windows smashed at Church's Chicken in Chicago.

04/23/13 (Germany) ALF damaged windows at a butcher shop in Chemnitz and covered the building in red paint.

04/22/13 (USA) The website of Hudson Valley Foie Gras, the largest foie gras farm in the United States, was hacked and customer details leaked.

04/17/13 (Germany) "Cancelled due to animal cruelty" stickers were pasted over several dozen Circus Feraro advertising signs in the town of Grafing.

04/14/13 (France) A game feeder belonging to hunters was destroyed in the north of France.

04/08/13 (Germany) The slogans "Meat is Murder", "We Heard Them Cry," "ALF" and "Everyone Deserves Freedom" were spray-painted on a pig factory farm in Klecken.

04/05/13 (UK) Locks at betting shops in a town in the south of England were glued the night before the Grand National horse race.

04/04/13 (Sweden) Animal Rights Militia claimed responsibility for an attempted arson in Vara targeting the accountant for a prospective mink farmer.

04/03/13 (Spain) Dozens of circus posters destroyed in Granada.

April 2013 (USA) Trucks sabotaged at a wholesale meat company in Portland; tires were slashed and locks glued.

April 2013 (Canada) A duck hunting blind in Prince Edward Island was taken apart and the pieces scattered into the water. "ALF" was spelled out with branches for the hunters to see.

April 2013 (UK) Locks were glued at

a butcher shop near Cambridge and the sign was corrected from "Family Butchers" to "Family Murderers."

03/27/13 (Spain) Graffiti with messages against speciesism painted in several neighborhoods of Zaragoza.

03/25/13 (France) Approximately 50 circus posters were destroyed in the north of France.

03/22/13 (Lithuania) At a meat shop in Vilnius, the lock was glued and "Murderers" painted on the window in bright pink.

02/06/13 (Germany) - fur store attacked





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We do not consider this to be theft. Chickens are living beings, not objects, and living beings cannot be stolen.

03/21/13 (Canada) A West Vancouver store selling fur was splattered with paint and tagged with the letters “ALF.” A foul-smelling liquid was also squirted through the mail slot into the store.

03/11/13 (Germany) “Murderers” painted on trucks and the company gates at a large meat processing plant in the town of Schongau. In addition, a total of 25 tires on seven trucks were punctured.

03/02/13 (Germany) At a gun range in Hartenholm used by hunters, all the locks were glued, electric wires cut and slogans painted on the walls.

03/01/13 (UK) ALF destroyed hunting towers in Cambridgeshire used to kill pigeons.

March 2013 (USA) Windows were broken at McDonald’s, KFC and Popeyes restaurants in Chicago.

March 2013 (Canada) As many as 200 Conibear traps and snares were removed and destroyed in Ontario. In a claim of responsibility, the ALF promised to “continue removing traps and we encourage others to get in the bush and help smash the fur industry.”

March 2013 (Germany) Hunting tower in Loehne destroyed; the Mordpräventionskommission (Commission to prevent murder) claimed responsibility in a letter to the local newspaper. In the past year several hunting towers have been sabotaged in town.

02/28/13 (Sweden) A man who was planning to open a new mink farm was woken up at 4:00 in the morning when two axes came crashing through windows on the first floor of his home. The Animal Rights Militia claimed responsibility for the attack.

02/28/13 (Chile) A truck was set on fire outside the Sodimac Homecenter in Temuco; the store is known for keeping puppies and other animals for sale in horrible conditions.

02/21/13 (Spain) Fur shops in Zaragoza spray-painted.

02/19/13 (Canada) Netted-cage traps used to capture deer as part of a cull in Cranbrook, British Columbia were vandalized.

02/18/13 (Greece) In the suburbs of Athens, activists spray-painted a fur/leather shop, a pet store, butcher shop, and the offices of a university research department.

02/13/13 (Costa Rica) Locks were sealed at a butcher shop in Tibas.

02/10/13 (USA) “Murder” painted on the side of Cowrie Furs in Des Moines, Iowa, and three windows and three glass doors were broken. The fur store is owned by the mayor of Des Moines.

02/10/13 (Russia) ALF torched construction vehicles used to destroy one of the few remaining forests in Krasnodar.

02/08/13 (Germany) Four hunting towers dismantled near Greifswald.

02/06/13 (Germany) The Pelz Ebel fur store in Berlin was attacked once again. The lock was glued, “ALF” spray-painted, windows smashed and red paint bombs were thrown at the store.

02/04/13 (Costa Rica) Locks sealed at a butcher shop in Cartago.

02/02/13 (Czech Republic) Four hunting stands toppled.

02/01/13 (Canada) Locks glued at a fur store in Oshawa, Ontario.

02/01/13 (Czech Republic) Window damaged at a butcher shop.

February 2013 (Ireland) Locks were glued shut at three butcher shops on one night in Dublin.

01/26/13 (Italy) Windows broken on cars of three hunters near Rome.

01/24/13 (Germany) Windows broken, and the slogan “until all are free” painted, at government building in Celle to protest construction of factory farms in the region.

01/24/13 (Sweden) Windows smashed at the Svampens gatukök restaurant in Örebro.

01/21/13 (Chile) A powerful homemade bomb exploded early in the morning at the headquarters of the dairy co-operative Colún in Santiago. The explosion damaged the lobby and destroyed windows on the first and second floors of the building.

01/20/13 (Greece) Pet store in Athens was painted red and its front windows (carefully) broken.

01/13/13 (Germany) Barn under construction at a factory farm in Ehrenkirchen, near the city of Freiburg, was set on fire. The empty barn would have soon housed 12,000 chickens. Damage was estimated at 25,000 Euros.

01/13/13 (Germany) Two fur stores attacked in the center of Berlin; messages painted, locks glued and signs vandalized.

01/09/13 (Germany) “Fur is murder” was painted on the front of a fur shop in Berlin; the lock was glued and a window smashed with a stone.

01/08/13 (UK) ALF/ELF sabotaged construction of the Bexhill to Hastings link road that will destroy wildlife habitat.

01/05/13 (Canada) ALF attacked an unoccupied police car with a Molotov cocktail. The car was parked outside the Vancouver home of a furrier, to deter attacks.

01/03/13 (Germany) Several paint bombs thrown at fur/leather shop in Berlin.

01/02/13 (Chile) A homemade bomb exploded outside the downtown Santiago offices of Agrosuper, the largest meat processing company in Chile and one of the largest in South America.

01/01/13 (Italy) ALF claimed responsibility for a New Year’s Eve fire at the Centro Latticini dairy company in Montelupo Fiorentino. According to news reports, seven trucks were completely destroyed by fire and an eighth was damaged. Damage was estimated at € 500,000.

01/01/13 (UK) Glass doors and windows smashed at entrance to the Bristol Zoo; paint bombs thrown, “Liberate” painted on building.

01/01/13 (Italy) At a butcher shop in Milan the locks were glued, paint splattered at the entrance, the sign was damaged and four windows smashed with hammers.

January 2013 (Germany) All the windows smashed at the Arzt fur/leather shop in Freiburg.

January 2013 (Italy) During one night in January, ALF activists in Rome glued locks, broke windows and in other ways vandalized butchers, a fish shop, leather goods store, and a pet store. The tires of a meat company van were also flattened.

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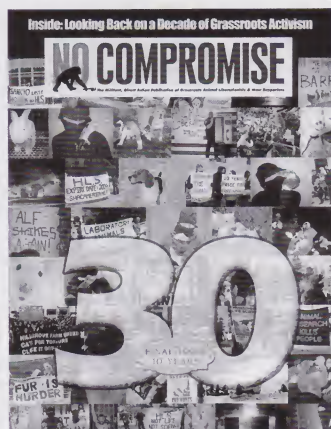
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